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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENTS ON AFRICA

1. FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE
MARCH 24 FYI ONLY.

2. IN HIS MARCH 24 PRESS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT CARTER
SAID THAT SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION
WOULD INCLUDE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON
AFRICA.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT OUR COMMITMENTS
TO ZAIRE, THE PRESIDENT RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS (INFORMAL
TEXT) QTE WE HAVE NO OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS IN ZAIRE.
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OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAS BEEN A FRIEND
OF OURS. WE HAVE ENJOYED GOOD RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE.
WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL COMMERCIAL INVESTMENTS IN THAT
COUNTRY. AFTER THE RECENT VERY DISRUPTIVE CONFLICT WITHIN
ZAIRE, WHEN THE COUNTRY WAS FINALLY FORMED A NUMBER OF
YEARS AGO; IT HAS BEEN FAIRLY STABLE SINCE THEN. ZAIRE WAS
INVOLVED, I THINK AT LEAST INDIRECTLY IN THE ANGOLAN

CONFLICT AND THERE IS SOME REMAINING HARD FEELINGS
BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE ON THAT PART. SO THE KATANGANS

WHO LIVE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF ZAIRE ARE NOW INVOLVED
IN TRYING TO GO BACK INTO THE AREA WHERE THEY FORMALLY
LIVED. WE HAVE NO HARD EVIDENCE, OR ANY EVIDENCE AS
FAR AS THAT GOES, THAT CUBANS OR ANGOLAN TROOPS HAVE
CROSSED THE BORDER INTO ZAIRE. WE LOOK ON THEM AS A
FRIENDLY NATION AND WE HAVE NO OBLIGATIONS TO THEM
AS FAR AS MILITARY AID GOES BUT WE HAVE BEEN COOPERATING
IN EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION WITH THE BELGIUM GOVERNMENT
AND FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS TO TRY TO STABILIZE
THE SITUATION AND TO LESSEN THE CHANCE TO EXPANDING
THE CONFLICT.

4. TEXT OF PRESS CONFERENCE WILL FOLLOW IN WIRELESS
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